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TERRACES FOR EROSION CONTROL

Properly constructed terraces check the speed of run-off water, and remove it from cultivated fields without appreciable soil loss. Maximum results are obtained from terraces when they are used with other erosion-control practices such as contour farming, strip cropping, and crop rotation. It is important that an outlet system be provided to dispose of excess water from terraces.



A farmer beginning the construction of a terrace using horses and ordinary farm machinery.



Aerial view of terraced and contour-tilled farm.



Broad-base terrace with wheat drilled on the contour.



Terraces stop excessive run-off and serve as guide lines for contour farming.



A farmer maintaining terraces with a farm tractor and a small blade.



Chart No. 4



A well-grassed terrace outlet emptying excess water onto pasture sod where it is spread without damage.